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 DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)
 DIADIN 14-38 (AS OF: 1740 EST 14 JAN 77)
 CUBA: SOVIET EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES AND OPERATIONAL
 STATUS. (S)

1. (S SPOKE) THE GUN DISH FIRE CONTROL RADAR HAS
 BEEN DETECTED IN CUBA FOR THE FIRST TIME. THIS INDICATES
 THAT RECENTLY DELIVERED ZSU-23-4 SELF-PROPELLED
 ANTIAIRCRAFT WEAPONS ARE NOW OPERATIONAL. IN ANOTHER
 DEVELOPMENT, THE SOVIETS DELIVERED A SECOND OSA-II-CLASS
 MISSILE ATTACK BOAT (PTG) TO THE MILITARY PORT OF MARIEL,
 WEST OF HAVANA.

2. (S SPOKE) [REDACTED] REVEALED A TANK BATTALION,
 A PROBABLE MOTORIZED INFANTRY BATTALION, AND A SELF-PROPELLED
 ANTIAIRCRAFT BATTERY USING AT LEAST FOUR ZSU-23-4 QUAD
 23-MM GUN SYSTEMS. THE UNITS WERE CONDUCTING FIRING EXERCISES
 AT THE NATIONAL RANGE NEAR CAMAGUEY IN CENTRAL CUBA.
 CONVERSATION AMONG UNIT MEMBERS POINTED TO AN UNFAMILIARITY
 WITH THE ZSU-23-4 SYSTEM, SUGGESTING THE SYSTEM WAS
 RECENTLY INTRODUCED IN THE CUBAN ARMS INVENTORY. MOREOVER,
 ON 4 DECEMBER, ZSU-23-4 GUN SYSTEMS WERE PROMINENTLY
 DISPLAYED AT THE NATIONAL MILITARY PARADE IN HAVANA WHEN
 15 OF THE UNITS -- WHICH THE COMMENTATOR CALLED "SHILKAS" --
 PASSED BEFORE THE REVIEWING STAND.

3. (S SPOKE) THE ZSU-23-4, ALTHOUGH IN THE SOVIET
 INVENTORY FOR OVER A DECADE, WAS NOT GIVEN TO THE CUBANS
 UNTIL SOMETIME IN 1976. ACQUISITION OF THE ZSU-23-4
 CONTINUES UPGRADING OF THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEMS TO FOUR
 OPERATIONAL SITES.

4. (S SPOKE) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND EARLIER THIS MONTH, HAVANA RECEIVED
 ITS SECOND OSA-II PTG. THIS LATEST DELIVERY BRINGS THE
 COUNTRY'S OSA INVENTORY TO SEVEN. THE OSA UNITS PROVIDE
 MORE FIREPOWER--CARRYING FOUR STYX MISSILES COMPARED TO TWO
 ON CUBA'S OLDER KOMAR-CLASS UNITS -- AND INCREASED
 OPERATIONAL RANGE.

PREPARED BY: [REDACTED]

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